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SUBJ: "HEALTH-USA '74' SEMINAR

REF: A. USDOC 2115

B. MOSCOW 1922

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1. IN LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH CHIEF OF SECTION ON INTERNATIONAL AND FOREIGN EXHIBITIONS, STATE COMMITTEE OF USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (KONSTANTIN P. SLIUSARENKO), ON FEB 13, FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION OF SOVIET SEMINAR DEVELOPED. STATE COMMITTEE SEMINAR WILL BE PRESENTED IN LECTURE HALL AT SOKOLNIKI WITH APPROXIMATELY EIGHT REPORTS DAILY FOR SIX DAYS. THOSE PERSONS PRESENTING REPORTS WILL BE INVITED BY STATE COMMITTEE AND ALL EXPENSES EXCEPT TRAVEL WILL BE PAID BY COMMITTEE. COMMITTEE FORWARDED LIST OF TOPICS AND

DESIRED US SPEAKERS TO SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER 1973 BUT RECEIVED NO RESPONSE TO DATE FROM EITHER EMBASSY OR AMERICANS INVOLVED.

2. COMMITTEE REPS EXAMINED REPORT TOPICS FORWARDED USDOC 2115 AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN REPORTS OF BAIRD ATOMIC, HARVARD APPARATUS, AND BECTON DICKINSON. ALTHOUGH REPS STATED AMERICAN REPORTS COULD PROBABLY BE SCHEDULED ON SAME DAY IN CONSECUTIVE SESSION, THEY POINTED OUT PROBLEMS POSED BY PRESENTING REPORTS ON DIFFERENT TOPICS IN THIS MANNER.

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SINCE AUDIENCE WILL BE MADE UP OF HIGHLY SPECIALIZED

TECHNICIANS ONLY THOSE REPORTS IN THEIR FIELD WILL BE OF INTEREST. THUS SWITCHING SPECIALITIES FROM ONE REPORT TO NEXT WOULD NECESSITATE SWITCHING AUDIENCES OF ABOUT 250-300. IN ADDITION MANY ATTENDEES WILL BE COMING TO MOSCOW FROM OTHER CITIES AND WILL VISIT THE EXHIBIT FOR ONLY ONE DAY, WITH THAT DAY SCHEDULED TO COVER SEMINAR REPORTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

3. COMMITTEE REPS STATED THAT APPROXIMATELY FOUR AMERICAN REPORTS COULD BE ACCEPTED, ALTHOUGH UP TO SIX MIGHT BE POSSIBLE DEPENDING ON TOPICS. THEY URGED EARLIEST SUBMISSION OF TOPICS AND ACTUAL REPORTS IN FORMAT DESCRIBED MOSCOW 1922. FROM LIST OF SUGGESTED REPORTS STATE COMMITTEE WILL SELECT THOSE THEY DESIRE FOR SOVIET SEMINAR AND THEY WILL INVITE SPEAKERS CONCERNED. IF OTHER AMERICAN REPORTS ARE TO BE PRESENTED (BEYOND THOSE ACCEPTED BY THE STATE COMMITTEE SEPARATE HALL WILL HAVE TO BE ARRANGED THROUGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. WITH COSTS TO BE BORNE BY COMPANIES OR USG.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:

1) FORWARD ADDITIONAL TOPICS AND COMPLETE REPORTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. COMMITTEE REPS POINTED OUT THAT ONCE REPORTS CHOSEN TO BE PRESENTED NECESSARY TRANSLATION AND PRINTING HAD TO BE DONE PLUS COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERSONS GIVING REPORTS.

2) IF SEPARATE "HEALTH-74" SEMINAR IS TO BE STAGED EMBASSY SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH NECESSARY INFORMATION AND AUTHORITY FOR ARRANGING FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL THROUGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT ARRANGEMENTS DESIRED WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THOSE FOR "ADVANCED BUSINESS SYSTEMS SEMINAR" WHICH COST ABOUT DOLS 2000.
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